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LB 187, 187A, 214, 214A, 224, 320, 326
334, 354, 354A, 421, 516, 556, 638

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Mr. Clerk, do you want to read in some things before we proceed?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. I have priority bill designations from Transportation Committee and Senator Carson Rogers. Government Committee reports LB 638 to General File with committee amendments. Committee on Enrollment and Review reports the following bills correctly engrossed--LB 187, LB 187A, LB 214,...

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

ASSISTANT CLERK: ...LB 214A, LB 320, LB 326, LB 334, LB 354, LB 354A, LB 421, LB 516, and LB 556. That is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 988-91 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We're back on the advancement of the bill. Senator McFarland, on the advancement of the bill, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Hefner.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, I'd like to address some of the concerns that Senator Chambers has raised because he's really overstated, he's misled and he had not apparently read the bill in detail, as he tries to convey to us. Let's just look at one thing. He's alleging that this is going to be a state enforcement procedure, an...

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: ...agent for the NCAA. And all it is to do is to protect eligibility of college athletes for the institutions. Well the fact of the matter is that in the part dealing with the noneligible student athlete we say that they cannot be contacted either, unless the sports agent registers with the Secretary of State. Earlier Senator Chambers said, well why should they have to be concerned, if they don't have eligibility, why should they have to be concerned about whether the sports agent registers with the Secretary of State. The reason is we're concerned about all athletes, eligible, noneligible, high school athletes, athletes who may be in professional school or graduate school or whatever. The goal of the bill is to protect athletes from being exploited by sports agents. If you read that particular provision that talks about noneligible student athletes they can be contacted, it's on page 4, they can be contacted if the sports agent is regist red.